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Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the gist of the reply will be communicated to us in view of the anxiety of the House to expedite the scheme? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the reply was received only yesterday and the Department is examining it. I can place it before the House after it is analysed."

Experiment of transacting the official business in Tamil language.

* 117 *Q.*—Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the experiment of transacting the official business in Tamil language has been introduced in Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) under what provision of Constitution or law, such experiment has been introduced;

(*c*) whether Government passed orders as to how to carry out such experiment successfully, and if so, in what departments of Government in Tiruchirappalli district;

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the names of the Collectors and district heads posted to Tiruchirappalli district from the date of the introduction of the experiment and the period of their service in the district;

(*e*) whether the district officials engaged are well versed in Tamil language; and

(*f*) whether the Government have called for any periodical reports from the district heads as regards the experiment and its progress?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) On 1st May 1948, Sir.

" (*b*) The scheme was introduced by issuing an executive order.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. The scheme is in force in all Departments of Government as well as local bodies in the district except Law Courts.

" (*d*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*e*) It will be observed from the statement placed on the table of the House that most of the officers are well versed in Tamil language.

" (*f*) Annual reports are received from the Collector of Tiruchirappalli through the Board of Revenue. In view of the satisfactory progress of the experiment, it has been extended from time to time."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" எதாவது ரிப்போர்ட் செய்திருந்திருந்தால் அதை சபையில் வைக்கமுடியுமா ? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 414–420 infra.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, it is worthwhile placing the report before the House."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" பீரியாடிகல் ரிப்போர்ட் இல்லாததின் காரணத்தினால் தான் இந்த முறை சரியாக நடக்கவில்லையென்று மக்கள் கருதுகிறார்கள். ஆகையால் இனிமேலாவது பீரியாடிகல் ரிப்போர்ட் தயாரித்து சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் உத்தரவு போடுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, publishing periodical reports is a remedy for making the system work efficiently."

Number of superior posts in the I.A.S. cadre sanctioned for the Madras State.

* 118 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House a list as on 1st January 1954 showing the number of superior posts in the I.A.S. cadre sanctioned for the Madras State, the number of such posts reserved for the State Civil Services (Executive Branch) and the number actually held by the latter; and

(*b*) to state the minimum period of service fixed for directly recruited I.A.S. Officers before they are promoted to the Collector's grade?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Proposals regarding the fixation of the strength of the Indian Civil Administrative Cadre of the Madras State are pending with the Government of India. Hence it is not possible to place on the table of the House a list of senior posts containing the required details.

" (*b*) Normally direct recruit Indian Administrative Service Officers will become eligible for promotion to senior posts about the seventh or eighth year of their service. But in the exigencies of Public Services, and also due to shortage of officers, officers with a service of less than eight or seven years are also considered for promotion provided they are otherwise suitable and have sufficient administrative experience."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have considered the fixation of the proportion of vacancies in the cadre of Collectors to be filled up by Deputy Collector promotees and the I.A.S. officers and what is the percentage now for promotion of Deputy Collectors to the cadre of District Collectors? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."